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(S) Japan supports the United States position on cluster munitions (CM), will not approve a ban on CM, and will not agree to any treaty that negatively impacts United States-Japan security arrangements, MOFA Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Science Deputy Director-General Masatoshi Shimbo told Embassy Tokyo Political Minister-Counselor on February 22. Shimbo telephoned to correct a February 22 Mainichi newspaper report which claimed that "For the first time, Japan indicated its support for a treaty banning cluster munitions" at the February 18-22 Wellington Conference on Cluster Munitions. Shimbo characterized the media story as "exaggerated" and said that Tokyo's policy with regard to CM remains consistent with views previously outlined to Washington officials (ref B).
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